

REMARKS

Applicants request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the amendments and remarks described herein. Claims 1-5 and 7-18 are pending in this application. Claim 1 has been amended.

Claims 1-5 and 7-18 have been rejected. Specifically, Claims 1-5 and 7-18 have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. In addition, the specification has been rejected for an informality and Claim 1 has been objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(i). Applicants have addressed the rejections and objections individually below.

Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, applicants request consideration and allowance of all claims.

Objection to the Specification

The specification has been objected to because of the misspelling of the word "isophthalic" at page 8, line 12. Accordingly, applicants have provided appropriate correction to the specification.

Claim Objections Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(i)

Claim 1 has been objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(i) as being in improper form because each of a plurality of elements of the claim should be separated by a line indentation. In response, applicants have amended Claim 1 to separate the claim elements by a line indentation.

Provisional Nonstatutory Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 1-5 and 7-18 have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-16 of pending U.S. Patent Application No. 10/497,267 (hereinafter "the '267 application"), in view of

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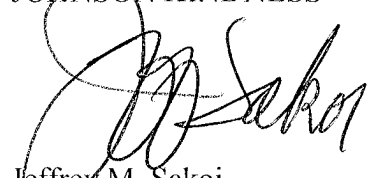
U.S. Patent No. 3,261,800, issued to Collins or U.S. Patent No. 3,609,372, issued to Vogel. In view of the terminal disclaimer submitted herewith, this rejection is now moot.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing remarks, applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney if any issues remain.

Respectfully submitted,

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